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Applicants : Michael R. Hale, et al.
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For : INHIBITORS OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE

New York, New York
August 22, 2001

Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the May 22, 2001 Office
Action ("the Action") in the above-identified application.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph as the first
sentence of the specification directly following the title
on page 1:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1
This application claims the benefit under 35
U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application